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A Russian General Challenged Me

By FRANCIS MILLER

The most humiliating lesson I ever learned in my life I learned from a Russian officer in Berlin at the end of World War II. The Russians asked us to send over an officer. U. S. Army Intelligence, to which I belonged, sent a Colonel who was fluent in the Russian language.

As he entered the Russian general's office, the latter said, "Colonel, I've been wanting to see you for some time. Sit down. Have you ever read Karl Marx?" "Yes, sir," replied the American. "Then," shot back the Russian general, "you know what's going to happen in the world," and for a space of two or three hours he described what would happen. He said that their system was going to spread over the whole world and that there might be some fighting on the way, which they very much regretted because the Russians were such peace-loving people!

That incident started a question in my mind by which I expect to be haunted as long as I live:—"Francis Miller, what do you believe?" Did I believe in anything enough to send for a Russian officer and to say to him, "Colonel, I've been wanting to see you for a long time. Sit down. Have you ever read the New Testament? You haven't! Then get hold of a copy, read it, and when you have read it, you will know what's going to happen in the world. You will find out something about who made this world. You will learn something about God's purposes for man and human society. You will get a glimpse of the principles of love and justice and fair play which God has determined should rule in human affairs."

And, I would go on to say, "Colonel, there are men who have been trying to build this kind of society for many centuries. We've made some progress but much remains to be done. At times, our hearts have failed us. At times we made an awful mess of things. But we know what God intends and, please God, some day we are going to build this kind of society on the earth, and it will spread over the whole earth, including the U.S.S.R. too."

Did I believe enough to say that? Do you believe enough to say that? Do you believe that the forces of nature and the whole of history are working with the men and women whose faith is with God through Jesus Christ, and that eventually the victory will be theirs—in God's good time and according to God's own good purposes?

That is the faith that the world needs. That is the faith you need. If you have that faith, it will give you a sense of mission and a sense of Christian destiny. It will give you courage to go on the mission to which you have been called. And it will also give you the peace of God that passes all understanding, regardless of what life may do to you.

—Condensed from the Presbyterian Outlook

News and Notes

Milltown, Wis., Lutherans Celebrate 40th Anniversary.

The Milltown, Wis., Lutheran Church, Rev. A. E. Neve, pastor, celebrated its 40th anniversary April 19-21 with a series of services and a banquet. The theme of the anniversary was "The Growth of the Church." Pastor Henry N. Hansen, a former pastor was guest speaker.

The highlight of the celebration was the banquet held Monday evening, April 20th, in the high school gymnasium for 300 members and friends of the church. With the Ship, the symbol of the church, "Fellowship Cruise", theme of the banquet, the nautical motif was carried through from the menu to decorations. The toastmaster, a member of the congregation, was "Captain Aboard."

The decorations were a large hand painted picture of a ship at sea, a back drop for the speakers' table, and other nautical scenes, etc., on the walls. The long tables had model ships for centerpieces and candles in lamp chimneys (representing hurricane lamps) illuminated the tables. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Otto Nielsen of Cushing. "Passenger Drill" consisted of informal singing by the group led by Pastor Neve. "Tale of the Sea" was a dramatic reading done by Mrs. John Midtling, wife of the E.L.C. church pastor at North Valley near Milltown. Pastor Anker Jensen of Luck spoke on the theme "Launching Out Into the Deep". "Shipmates Forever" was the title of a talk by Pastor John Midtling, "Sailing Through Stormy Seas" by Pastor Conrad Floreen of the Augustana synod church at Centuria, and "Sailing Into Soul's Harbor" was the thought that was brought out by Pastor Henry Hansen, guest speaker for the celebration.

A vocal solo, "Shipmates of Mine" and "Music on Board", a clarinet duet, were rendered by members of the Luther League and a solo "Peace Be Still" was sung by Mrs. Anker Jensen of Luck.

Nine charter members of the church, five of whom are still members, were

given recognition by being presented with corsages and boutonnieres. As a very fitting close, the ceiling lights were turned out and then, by the light of the hurricane lamps, the group sang, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." The benediction was pronounced by Pastor Harold Petersen of the Danish Lutheran Church of West Denmark.

The Tuesday evening and closing service of the anniversary celebration, featured the ladies' organizations and the program was in charge of a committee from each of the three ladies' aids. Pastor Hansen spoke on the topic "Growing in Love and Service." The choir of the Luck church sang a song and a number was sung by a group of ladies representing each of the aids. A short history of each of the auxiliaries was given. Mrs. Michael Michaelsen, 89, a member of the group which was originally the Danish aid, who had been a member of the little country church east of Milltown and which was eventually merged with the village church, was able to be present at this time. Also present was Mrs. Eddie Lindvig, who is still an active member of the Busy Bees. The Busy Bees was organized 43 years ago with the express purpose to work for a church in the village of Milltown. Mrs. Lindvig is also a charter member of the Milltown Lutheran Church.

Two churches at Orum, Nebraska, United. From Orum, a village near Blair, Nebr., comes the following news:

The two churches at Orum are now one. The Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of Orum, Nebr., received a gift from the neighboring E.L.C. congregation of its church building, parsonage and property and nearly \$700.00 in cash. The negotiations were completed this spring.

The newly acquired church building has been completely renovated and is now used as our house of worship.

At a recent meeting, the congregation voted to move the other church building on this same property adjacent to the renovated church. A full basement complete with heating and kitchen facilities will be placed under the moved building which will be used

as a parish hall. All of the labor will be done by members and friends in the community.

A special service commemorating the opening of the new church was held on Sunday, May 3. Visiting pastors on the program included Rev. Hans C. Jersild, Rev. M. G. Christensen, Rev. Archie Madsen and Rev. Andrew Staby. There was also organ music, solos and singing by the Kennard and Orum choirs. Our own pastor Rev. Reid Neve was in charge of the program.

At the evening service, music was furnished by the Seminary quartet and a sermon by student pastor Gerhard Nygaard.

President Hans C. Jersild's Report to the Annual convention has just come to our desk. We are only able to quote a few items from it before we go to press. We do so on page 4, but we shall return to his report later.

NORTH DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The 52nd Annual Convention of the North Dakota-Montana District will be held at Ebenezer Lutheran Church McCabe, Montana, June 4-7. The opening service is announced for Thursday, June 4th at 8:00 p.m. The Convention Theme is: "The Lord Hath Done Great Things for Us" Psalm 126. Every message given at this convention will center in the topic: "This We Believe," and each will present some phase of our Holy Christian Faith as Expressed in the Apostles' Creed. All congregations are urged to send delegates, one delegate for each twenty five confirmed members or fraction thereof.

Edwin W. Petrusson, President
Silas Larsen, Secretary

The Ebenezer Lutheran Church of McCabe, Montana, extends a hearty welcome to all convention guests. Lodging and breakfast will be provided free. Dinner and supper will be served in the church parlors. Please announce your coming before June 1st to Mr. Fred Hofman, McCabe, Montana.

Alfred V. Andersen, pastor
Mrs. Carrie Nelsen, Secretary

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Editorials and Comments

New Youth Director

Pastor George Robertson of Royal, Iowa, has been chosen as part time youth director by the executive committee of our National Luther League. We understand that the salary is \$300.00 a year plus \$300.00 expenses. Pastor Robertson has informed us that he has accepted the position.

We certainly wish our neighbor and now the new youth director much success in the undertaking. He is the third man to try the job within a period of a few years. Pastor Robertson, after graduating from Trinity University was first pastor at Rolfe, Iowa, then at Kankakee, Ill., and then at Los Angeles, Calif. He also served as district president of Pacific District.

Thus he comes to the office with sufficient experience.

The big question, which we have raised before, is what is the job of a youth director in a synod of some 183 congregations with 152 Luther Leagues with 2755 members?

The total administrative budget of the National Luther League is \$4,675.00.

Suppose you ask a local Luther Leaguer about the budget of this National Luther League, he would not know what to answer. And if you told him that he had to pay \$4,675.00 a year for the administration of this organization he would not know what to say.

Out of these \$2.00 the 50 cents are spent on Our Lutheran Youth and on the Youth Director, which means about \$600.00 in all to each. The rest, \$1.50 is used for the other things that go into such an organization.

But young people do not think too much about those things. And perhaps that is just as well.

You see, the trouble with young people is that they are young. And they cannot help that they are young.

We hope the new Youth Director will be able to do some real thinking about the youth problems.

The following remarks will no doubt be interpreted as cynical. They may seem that way, but they are made in the hope we may make an honest evaluation of our synodical league work.

If we go back 20 years, our leagues numbered 165 over against 1532 now. They had 4989 members over against 5 members now.

In 1932 we spent \$700.00 on missions; in 1952 we spent \$66.31. The total income in 1932 was about \$1200.00. Total administrative expenditures in 1952 were \$4436.51.

The fact is that we spent \$4,000.00 more on administration than we did 20 years ago, and only \$300.00 more of the \$4000.00 go to The Ansgar Lutheran Youth edition than did 20 years ago.

The two big things that have happened in these 20 years are the Leadership Training Schools and the National Luther League Convention. The expenses of these are listed separately and they pay for themselves according to the annual report of 1952. This year according to the figures it will cost us \$4,000.00 to raise the mission budget among 2755 leagues, whereas it would have cost us about \$600.00 to raise the \$700.00, 20 years ago, but the youth edition was edited out of these \$700.00 as well.

The fact remains that we have added an expense of about \$4000.00 to guide our synodical league work during the past 20 years.

But we have lost almost half the membership in our Luther Leagues during those years, even though our confirmed membership in 1952 is 33,000 over against 27,000 in 1932.

It seems as if the big organization we have developed has not paid out either in members, in contributions to missions or in anything else.

As to our leadership training schools we ask, if any pastor has really discovered that they produced leaders. Did the schools really help the local Luther League in general?

As to the National Luther League Convention? We believe this convention has value to the ones that are able to attend. Perhaps even great value.

There are a number of other questions that may be raised pertaining to the Luther League work. What about the real principle in the editing of the Christmas Chimes? Is that work just a subjective affair from year to year?

The second question is, if it would not be better to spend some of all the money spent on administration on making the youth edition a first class youth paper?

Well, we might go on, but we hope we have raised sufficient questions to cause some one to do some conclusive thinking.

So we welcome our new youth director. He may be able to answer some of these questions. Perhaps in answering them he may work himself out of a job. If he does, it takes much courage.

HOW TO BE MISERABLE

Think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use "I" as much as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be on the lookout for a good time for yourself. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others. Love yourself supremely. Be selfish. This recipe is guaranteed to be infallible one hundred per cent.—From **Friendly Chat**.

Pentecost and Our Synod

This issue reaches you at Pentecost. Pentecost was the day when the Holy Spirit was given, and when the church by the power of that Spirit was established. 3000 people joined the church that day.

It is therefore fitting that we bring a few items from President Hans C. Jersild's report to the annual convention. His report covers our work since May 1st, 1952 till May 1st, 1953.

First let us note that our synod now has 51,640 baptized members. This is a gain of 2,409, or a gain of 4.9 per cent.

Twelve new churches were dedicated during the past year. Seven churches have added to their facilities. Three parsonages were dedicated, and the Good Shepherd Home at Blair, Nebraska.

Nine young men are applying for ordination.

The budget was oversubscribed by \$9,070.60.

Here is the Financial Summary on the year in our synod as sent to us by President Jersild:

Bequests:

Miss Nellie Petersen Anderson estate, Webster Groves, distributed in equal amounts to Elim Children's Home, Bethany Children's Home, School Fund Equalization Fund, Home Mission Fund, Indian Mission Fund, Japan Mission Fund, So. American Mission Fund, Utah Mission Fund, Pension Fund ...\$ 8,480.98

Balance of Serena Nielsen Estate, Chicago, Ill., distributed in equal amounts to the Children's Homes, School Fund, Home Missions, Indian Mission, Utah Mission, Japan Mission, Sudan Mission, Jewish Mission, Eben-Ezer, Brush 143.50 \$ 8,624.48

Congregational Receipts:

Local Church current expenses 878,299.00
Local Church extra expenses 674,683.00 \$1,552,982.00

Synodical Budget Receipts:

Children's Homes 21,763.71
School Fund 77,486.16
General Fund 22,958.39
Home Missions 36,347.04
Indian Mission 7,579.17
Utah Mission 2,909.09
Pension Fund 31,218.64 \$200,262.20

Foreign Mission Receipts:

South American Mission..... 16,554.46
Sudan Mission 13,786.70

Santal Mission 8,872.94
Japan Mission 16,006.47
General Foreign Mission 591.05 \$55,811.46

Other Synodical Income:

Christian Approach to the Jew 960.27
Lutheran World Action & National Lutheran Council..... 40,271.24
Church and School Development Drive 12,540.11
Oaks Building Fund—Boys' Dormitory and Dining Hall 371.25
China Mission 200.01
Income from Districts most of which is for Home Missions \$54,961.43 \$109,304.43

GRAND TOTAL\$1,926,984.46
(Amount counted twice \$8,608.46)

In conclusion Pastor Jersild says: "Let us again turn God in deep thanksgiving for His manifold mercies and His abundant grace in Christ Jesus. Despite our shortcomings He still blesses us and uses us for His great work. We serve a merciful God who has wrought gracious pardon for us in Jesus Christ. Wherefore are always to give thanks unto God our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. That gratitude find its most genuine expression in doing and giving in an ever larger way that the greatest of all labors, that of saving souls, may more extensively carry on to the glory of God's Name."

It is also fitting that we quote President Jersild's introduction to the annual report:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," Rom. 1:16. What a blessed power God has entrusted to us in the gospel of Christ. It can by the grace of the Holy Spirit change hearts; sustain and strengthen those who are failing; comfort and uplift those who are stricken with grief; grant new love and new zeal to serve God and our fellow men. There is no greater power on earth among men.

"That power as it has wrought in lives by Word and sacrament thru the instrumentality of our fathers and down to this day thru our efforts accounts for our existence as a church, is the real author of our institutions and missions, explains the need for our assembling together in annual convention, is our strong and abiding hope for unceasing labor in the future. That power continue under the blessing and guidance of God to awaken and quicken His Church to greater things, even a far-flung awakening if we will yield ourselves entirely into His hand. Praised be the Lord for that gracious power unto life."

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Protestant Editors Urge to Admit Refugees

Washington, D. C.—The Associated Church Press, at its 34th annual meeting here, called upon Congress to enact legislation enabling several hundred thousand European refugees to obtain permanent residence in the United States within the next few years.

At the same time, the organization of Protestant editors urged Congress "in making a much needed revision of the present immigration law, to remove from such law the discriminating provisions based on race or nationality which are embodied in the McCarran- Walter Act."

A resolution dealing with Palestinian-Arab refugees was amended from the floor to recognize Jewish refugees in Israel as well.

As adopted, the resolution noted with concern the continued plight of 800,000 Palestinian Arab refugees, as well as the general deterioration of relations between the United States and Arab nations." It urged Congress to authorize a committee to conduct an immediate study of the Palestinian problem "and of methods for improving governmental and inter-governmental programs of assistance."

The editors further urged that any steps taken by Congress "shall be in full recognition of the significance of the program for the State of Israel and providing opportunity and hope for the 800,000 Jewish refugees who have found no home within its borders."

Another resolution called upon the State Department to renew efforts through effective channels "to secure the liberation of Christian missionaries held in China. The action was taken "in view of the consideration recently given to requests to governments within the Red orbit to release American civilians held as prisoners." The ACP also urged the U.-S. government to make fresh proposals directed toward world disarmament. It called for an "apparent moderating of aggressive tactics of the Soviet Union" and for such proposals timely.

The editors reaffirmed their belief that the United Nations offers the best hope for world peace. They commended President Eisenhower "for his expressed intention to make the United Nations not merely an eloquent symbol but an effective force," and they urged the ACP to constructive criticism and to the task of informing

readers of the church press of UN accomplishments.

In another resolution, the ACP urged the President "not to disregard the steadfast conviction of a majority of the American people that no diplomatic representative of the United States should be assigned to the Holy See." It expressed gratification that the nomination of such an ambassador was withdrawn by the previous administration "and has not been made by the present administration."

Protestant Press Month will again be observed in October, according to an action taken by the editors. New York was designated as the site for the 1954 meeting.

UELCL's Giving Tops Nine Lutheran Bodies

The United Evangelical Lutheran Church's per capita giving for all purposes of \$56.80 was the highest of nine Lutheran church bodies included in a survey by the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches.

The UELCL ranked 14th among 47 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States, according to the survey. The Free Methodist Church was first with a per capita gift of \$194.79, the Seventh Day Adventists second with \$158.00, and the Wesleyan Methodist third with \$142.21. Most of the figures were based on contributions during 1951.

Per capita giving for all purposes of other Lutheran bodies included \$55.51 for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, \$50.37 for the Augustana Lutheran Church, \$49.83 for The Evangelical Lutheran Church, \$49.26 for the American Lutheran Church, \$40.70 for the United Lutheran Church in America, \$40.36 for the Norwegian Synod, \$34.92 for the Wisconsin Synod and \$31.03 for the Suomi Synod.

Two-thirds of 30,000 Refugees Resettled in Canada are Lutherans

Winnipeg, Canada — The 30,000th refugee from Germany to be resettled in Canada under auspices of the Canadian Christian Council of Resettlement of Refugees is on his way from Germany it was announced here by the agency.

The CCCRR is a joint agency for resettlement of such refugees who have not been under mandate of the International Refugee Organization. Canadian Lutheran World Relief cooperates within the agency with the Ca-

nadian Mennonite Board of Colonization, and the Baptist World Alliance Immigration.

Of the 30,000 refugees resettled in Canada under auspices of CCCRR about two-thirds are Lutherans or Evangelicals, the announcement added.

Only 72% of Baptized Also Confirmed in ALC

Dubuque, Iowa—Of all children baptized in the American Lutheran church only 72 per cent are also confirmed in the Church, it was revealed in a survey conducted by Harry C. Carlson of Portland, Oregon, a senior at Wartburg Theological Seminary here.

In a thesis based on the survey, Mr. Carlson pointed out that the percentage of baptized children later confirmed by the ALC was considerably higher in rural areas than in towns and cities, and that "during time of strife and struggle, there seems to be a definite interest in the Church."

The latter observation was based on statistics showing that the number of children baptized increased during the depression years and "during the years of World War II the number of confirmations jumped considerably, with a noticeable drop after the war."

Warning that "whenever the Church's educative program became weak she suffered internal struggles and her witness throughout the world became less effective," the seminary senior said that though 72 per cent confirmations of the children baptized in the ALC "is not as poor (a result) as in some other denominations," the Church should not be content.

Short Terms for Chaplains

The U. S. Army hopes to find 200 recruits for the chaplaincy immediately, and 200 more before the end of 1953. As an inducement to volunteers, the Pentagon announced in late March that clergymen who hold company-grade commissions (first lieutenant or captain) in the Army Reserve or National Guard may sign up for one year of active duty, instead of the 17-to-24 months formerly required.

"I can think of no greater opportunity for a young clergyman today than the chaplaincy," said Major General Ivan L. Bennett, Army Chief of Chaplains.

"Is Tithing the Answer?"

Churches with tithing traditions record the highest per capita giving, Rev. T. K. Thompson, executive direc-

tor, reported to members of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., recently.

Naming the Seventh Day Adventists, the Church of the Nazarene, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church as the communions which receive the greatest financial support per member, Mr. Thompson pointed out that sixteen other denominations currently are conducting tithing campaigns.

"The Hebraic-Christian tradition of tithing, backbone of support for religious institutions since the earliest days of the Church," he said, "is being rediscovered as a Christian practice by the present generation of church members.

"Certainly, the income tax situation has something to do with this rediscovery. A person cannot make out his income tax form every year without facing the question of proportionate giving."

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, of Kansas City, Mo., general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene, described tithing as the secret of a magnificent record of giving in his denomination.

"While we do not make tithing a test of membership," he commented, "we do teach the importance of it and urge our people to share in the spiritual benefits that come to those who give generously to God."

In a special discussion on recent experiences in tithing, Dr. John T. Peters, Stewardship and Promotion Secretary of the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Church, brought attention to the fact that over 500 churches in his communion had asked to be "pilots" in a current tithing project. The number of tithing families in one of the first hundred churches to participate in the Presbyterian experiment tripled within a year, the meeting was told, and reports from other "pilot churches" indicate a general awakening of interest in tithing among members of the denomination.

Dr. James G. Patton, Jr., chairman of the National Council's stewardship unit and secretary of the General Council, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., stated that tithing also is on the increase throughout the South. He cited the Belmont Plan, in which some 1,500 Southern Presbyterian churches are taking part, as evidence of this fact.

Other communions reporting to the department on recent tithing campaigns included the Congregational Christian Churches, the Church of the Brethren, the United Lutheran Church, the United Presbyterian Church, Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention, and Evangelical United Brethren.

Two new pamphlets on tithing soon will be available to member communions of the National Council, Mr. Thompson announced. Entitled "My Money" and "Is Tithing the Answer?", they have been prepared by Dr. Harris F. Rall, outstanding Methodist theologian of Evanston, Ill., and may be obtained after June 1 from the Department of Publication and Distribution, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N.Y.—N.C.O.

Humboldt, Iowa. Mission meetings were held April 12-14 with pastor Stanley Carlsen as guest speaker. Pastor Wesley Andersen had confirmation on April 26, when 6 young people were confirmed.

Summer Pulpit Supply

Some of the faculty members and students of our Seminary will be in Blair during the summer and will be available for pulpit supply and other assistance to our parishes. Pastors or congregations desiring such services are asked to address their requests to Dean Theo. I. Jensen, Trinity Theological Seminary, Blair, Nebr., during the vacation period..

Dr. C. C. Madsen of the Seminary's Department of Practical Theology, who usually attends to these assignments, will be serving again this summer as Chaplain of the U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Candidate School, Long Beach, California.

Church Fires in U. S., Canada Cause Large Loss

In the last 15 years fire has damaged or destroyed 40,000 churches in the United States and Canada!

This year fire will consume over \$50 million worth of church property!

These facts were brought out recently by the **Christian Herald**, which observed that some fires were spectacular large loss fires. Some laid waste historic shrines or landmarks of years standing. Some were small fires that went almost unnoticed by the press and parish.

According to the **Christian Herald**, nearly 3,000 churches in the United States and Canada burn every year—2,000 of them during the winter months.

While many of these 2,000 fires will be only minor blazes, more than half will reduce church buildings to a "horrible rubble" the article declared.

Insufficient Coverage

Will your church be among those destroyed this year? Will it have sufficient insurance—adequate coverage?

The **Christian Herald** explains that inflation has boosted the cost of re-

building and replacement so high that the insurance coverage held by most churches is insufficient. Surveys also show that as much as one-half of church's property may not even be insured.

In this connection, the National Board of Fire Underwriters has made available, in limited quantity, copies of its booklet, "Church Insurance for Clergy and Lay Trustees," which points out that the custody of church property should include protection of financial investment through a well-planned and well-managed program. To obtain your copy, write to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, John Street, New York 38, N. Y.

Court to Hear Dispute Between Lutherans

Chesterfield, Mo.—Hearings will be held in St. Louis County circuit court at Clayton April 14 on a dispute between two factions of Trinity Lutheran church here, each of which claims title to the church property.

The majority faction belongs to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The minority group identifies itself with the Orthodox Lutheran Conference, which was formed in Sept. 1951 at Okabena, Minn., by Missouri Synod pastors and laymen who withdrew from the Synod on the ground that was becoming "too liberal" theologically.

The minority's claim to ownership of the church is based on an action taken at a membership meeting in 1951 shortly after the Conference was formed, at which it was unanimously voted to join this group. The majority faction maintains, however, that this action was not valid, since, they say, only proponents of a break attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, both factions are using the church property by court ruling. The majority group instituted suit in St. Louis County circuit court in January, 1952.

They obtained an injunction, effective July 1952, giving them use of the church from 7:45 a. m. to 9:15 a. m. every Sunday for services.

The minority faction, led by the pastor, the Rev. G. G. Shupmann, has use of the church at other times.

In preparation for the court hearing the minority has encircled the church with large signs setting forth differences in theological doctrine between the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Orthodox Lutheran Conference.

Our Foreign Mission Fields

Edited by Rev. K. R. Jensen, Viborg, South Dakota

We like to have our missionaries keep in contact with through articles from the mission field. They also like to have us keep in touch with them. So write them a few lines occasionally. Their birthdays are good opportunities for us to send them greetings. The Board of Foreign Missions has decided to publish the birthdays of our missionaries in the Ansgar Lutheran when they are in the field. We shall do that in time for you to write them.

Rev. Paul C. Johnsen. June 29th. His address is: 22 Sekiden Cho; Tanaka, Sakyo Ku; Kyoto, Japan.

This was started about two months ago, but the first names were probably lost in the fire.

NEW PREACHING PLACE

Kurume, Japan

Dear Friends:

We made arrangements last week to open up a new preaching place in a village called Haruta. Starting in a new place is one of the joys of missionary life. Even around Kurume almost 100% of the villages and a lot of the towns still have no Christian work, so our prayers are twofold: that we can find a room where we can hold meetings in these new places; and that we can find the men and the men to go into every one of these towns and villages. So far we have work going in seven towns and four villages in our jurisdiction. Haruta is village number five. This does not include our four churches with their four pastors nor the preaching places they have. Nor does it include Oita or Nobeoka on the East Coast. There are still several score villages and quite a few towns left in our area so we won't be running out of work for a while.

Haruta, a village of 400 houses, is located on the railroad and highway between Kurume and Fukuoka, both being main trunk lines running from Tokyo to the end of Kyushu. It is the transfer point for a branch railroad line and thus a vital point between Kurume and Fukuoka. Someday, we would like to have a string of churches both between Kurume and Fukuoka, north and south, and between Kurume and Oita, east and west. We already have one good preaching place going in Futsukaichi, the main town halfway between here and Fukuoka and not far from Haruta, and another in Ogori, a village between here and Haruta.

Here's how the Lord led us in Haruta. You have to know someone here before you can get anything done in this country so I asked Murahashi-san, one of our evangelists, to try to find a place. He used to be a teacher in the technical school run by the National Electric Distribution Company and so he has friends in all of his former students located in their branch offices throughout Kyushu. And sure enough, he has a friend, a Christian, Ishioka-san, who is head of the Futsukaichi office, which has Haruta in its jurisdiction.

Ishioka-san offered us the use of a company house in

Haruta but first of all he suggested we go talk to the Mayor of Haruta, a friend of his. We went along to talk to the mayor about a place to meet and he said, "you're welcome to use my home!" So on Ash Wednesday the Word of the Lord will be preached for the first time in Haruta, in the Mayor's home. Pray for us "that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified even as it is also with you." Sincerely in Christ,

Lloyd and Muriel Neve

SHALL WE CONTINUE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND LET THE HEATHEN WAIT?

By Helen Danielson

I was studying my Bible to see if we could continue to stay at home and still obey God. Would it be possible for all our pastors, or the majority of them, to remain at home and enjoy comfortable pastorates, never cross the ocean into another land, and still carry out the Lord's will?

As I study my Bible I find expressions such as these: "All nations, all the world; every creature and the uttermost parts of the earth." In other words, God's command is "go ye into all the world."

Have we done it? We as a Synod have four pastors out of our 160 pastors or thereabouts, on the mission field. One retired pastor, Dr. Winther, who also has gone out to die among those for whom he has given his life. Four pastors, I know we don't like to hear it. I am not saying four missionaries, we have more than four missionaries, but we have only four pastors, and our beloved Dr. Winther. With at least 155 pastors, or more, laboring at home where we have heard the Gospel for hundreds of years.

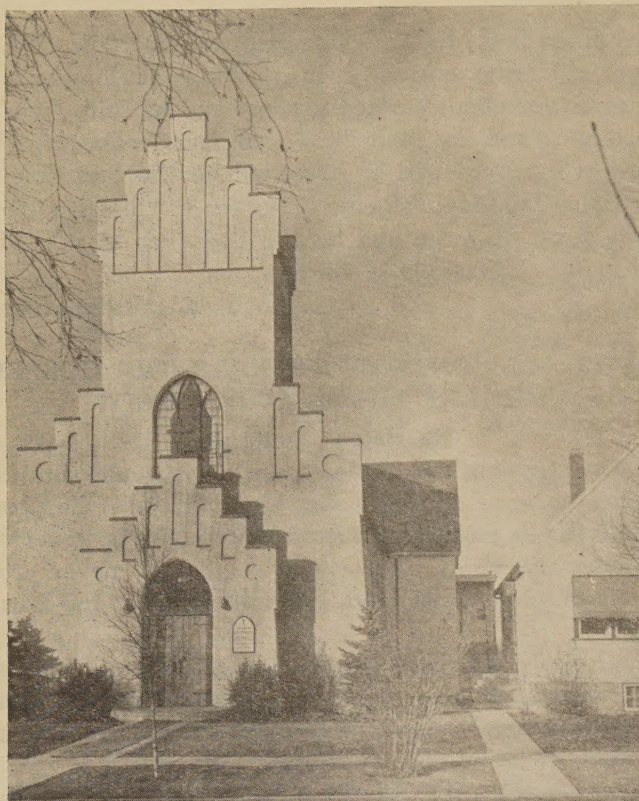
But you ask, "why go before everyone are saved here?" "There is much to be done here at home." "Why not complete our work here first and then we'll go?" "Any way the Bible says, begin at Jerusalem and then Judea, and then Samaria and then unto the uttermost parts of the earth." "We have to do the work at home first." Is that what our Bible says friends? Turn to Acts 1 to see what it says. Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Does it say then? It says both. "Both in Jerusalem and Judea" etc. Both at one time. Not one first and then the other.

I am sure we can all readily understand the reason for this. Only this generation can reach this generation. This generation cannot reach the past generation, nor can it reach the future. The past are dead and the future is still future. The pastors and churches of the past generation were responsible for their generation. We are for this one. And if we do not reach them they shall not have the Gospel.

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Canadian News and Views

By Ione Pedersen



Sharon Lutheran Church and Parsonage, Calgary, Alta. Canada.

Calgary Has Enlarged Church

The U.E.L.C. is flourishing in West Canada. Congregations are expanding, and new ones coming into being. New churches and parsonages are being built, and old ones enlarged and refurnished.

Last July work was started which would enlarge Sharon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Calgary, Alberta. A cruciform wing was added, setting the chancel forward some twenty feet, thus giving place to twice the number of worshippers. The chancel was also greatly enlarged.

Into this work the congregation and its friends entered with a will, each lending a hand in whatever way he could, from the pastor's wife and son right down the line, to a neighbor or two. It is impossible to name the names of all who took part. There is a deep feeling of appreciation and happy gratitude to Pastor Emil A. Pedersen, who had the vision. His foresight and energy made the project cost the congregation comparatively little. For it is no mean building but has modern facilities and is as beautiful in concept as can be wished. As for the chancel furnishings and pulpit, which have been added through the years, and are now complete, they were designed and executed by our own Neils Weismose.

At the service of rededication in November there were so many people that once more, as in the old church, chairs had to be set in the aisles. Pastor Archie Morck led the service, and guest pastors included some from the other Lutheran bodies in the district. Pastors Reynold Tange and L. A. Kirkegaard took part. How joy-

fully did the anthem ring out that night, and how quick to the hearts of the people did the glorious message fly.

The festivities centering around the rededication included a community evening, when all the neighbors were invited to inspect the remodelled church and have a visit with the congregation. The activities which have taken place since then include such highlights of fellowship as the turkey supper at which the Ladies Aid catered to twice as many guests as had ever been served before. In March a mission evening was held, which offered a "parade of nations," a choir of young Chinese Canadian girls, and an informal talk by a young student from Liberia, Africa, in Calgary on a scholarship. On the evening of Easter day the choir sang a cantata, after which the film "My Brother" was shown in the church parlors. The recently formed Builders Club is responsible for our having a projector and sound track. This club is made up of young people and married couples in the congregation.

Standard, Alberta Church Redecorates

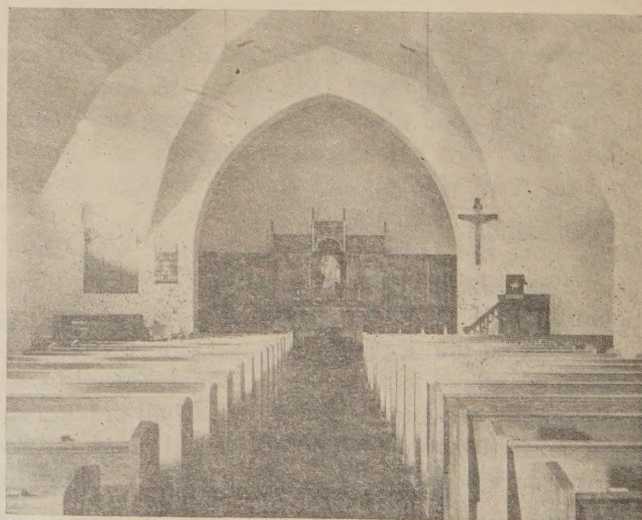
April 12th, the first Sunday after Easter, was a great day for the congregation of Nazareth Lutheran Church at Standard, where L. A. Kirkegaard is pastor, for after many weeks it was ready for worship once more.

A great change had taken place in the thirty-five year old church. The interior, floor, ceiling and walls were renewed completely, and a system of indirect lighting had been installed.

Those who came saw a church interior with walls of white, a ceiling of white tile with ivory ornamentation. The chancel was set off from the rest by soft lights that shed an amber glow over altar and furnishings.

Pastor Archie Morck led the service of rededication and preached the sermon. He was assisted by guest pastors Reynold Tange, Hussar, Emil Pedersen, Calgary and P. Rasmussen, Dalum. The church was filled to capacity. The choir, under the direction of Stanley Ras-

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View of the Interior of Sharon Lutheran Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Some Snapshots fom Japan

CHIHARA

By J. M. T. Winther



Chihara (chi, 1000; hara, plains) is the name of a young man who has been one of our good students. Some have wondered why the "snapshot" trying to picture Tsubone was inserted here among the students of the Bible school. It was merely to get a background for Chihara, who is really one of the Tsubone family.

The three Tsubone brothers had a sister and when she was to be about 14 years old her father wanted to send her out to make some money on her. We were approached then by Pastor Matsumoto whether it would be possible for us to take her as a servant girl, as she otherwise would have to be sent to one of the big cotton mills, and both physical and moral conditions were very poor there about 40 years ago. There was no factory discipline and no supervision. Some missionaries had first to make some ugly exposures and help to create a public opinion that demanded better treatment for the unfortunate ones who were just about imprisoned, overworked, underfed and otherwise exploited in such a way that they never were both physically and morally ruined before they could get out again. She came to us and a more willing worker would be hard to find. Uta was her name and she was happy enough to correspond well to it, because it means Song, and she was singing early and late. Her mother had gotten her to the Sunday School just as often as it had been possible and she really wanted to hear more. She had now full opportunities to do that, and it was only her youth that delayed the day of baptism as she had been waiting for it. She had 3 really good years at our home, she was one with our own children and they were together just as much as possible.

But the first world war came. Prices and salaries ran up but ours was stationary. After paying board and tuition for the children we had just \$16 a month 9 months of the year for our food and clothing for the whole family.

We had to let servant girls go where they could make far more than they had been used to getting in missionary homes. And little Uta was bundled off to a silk spinning mill from which she re-appeared a couple of years later, a physical wreck.

I shall not easily forget meeting her the first time. She had passed through a long illness but what tortured her still more was the fear that the Lord had finally rejected her, as she had not been able to keep her faith. But I recall also the wan smile that crept into her pallid face as she was reminded that although she might have changed, her Savior was still the same, even if we are faithless. He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself so as to act contrary to His inmost desire of seeking and saving that which was lost.

She regained her health both physically and spiritually. While she in her early youth resembled her ardent, cheerful younger brother, now she is much more like her older brothers, calm and gentle, but her faith has kept strong and it is living again in her oldest son. He desired ever so much to go to the Seminary, but Uta's home was poor. She had had to marry a coal miner, and the pay hardly sufficed for the bare necessities of life. To send any of the children to a school above the primary level was an utter impossibility and so there was no hope of ever attaining that goal. But he became the pastor's valuable helper in Sunday School and in the work among the young people. By studying at night he had come so far that he had gotten an electrician's job and had a comparatively good position, when he heard of the Bible School that would take those who knew no English.

As soon as he heard that his board would be provided for him he came. His mother tried to get along without his help, but it proved too much for her. She had to borrow money, and as she had to pay, beforehand, 15 percent each month the debt increased up to nearly \$100 before she let any one know of her difficulty. The interest for one year of her debt amounted to \$180! Thus there was an incessant increase. But she wanted her son to reach the goal so that he could become a preacher of the Gospel. It was only after her son learned of her trouble, that others came to know it.

He spent a year here. After the first 6 months he was out during the summer vacation, starting new work in Oita and Beppu on the East Coast of Kyushu and he proved himself such a valuable worker that after finishing the fall term he was entrusted with the new church built that fall in Tanushimaru.

He has gone into the work with something of the steadiness and sincerity of his older uncle and with the spirit of his younger uncle.

When I visited him last summer he had his Sunday School at 9 and his morning service at 10:30. Then he rode his bicycle some 5 miles to Hagi, where he had

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The Pacific District

By Christian Justesen

Next year the Pacific District can celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. Altho the congregations in the west did meet for annual meetings or meetings from time to time, the churches were not organized until 1904 as a District.

Below, we are listing the congregations of our district, date of organization and the pastors serving these congregations: 1. Immanuel, Easton, California, 1888, Rev. O. V. Magnussen, pastor. 2. Our Saviors, Ferndale, California, 1899, Rev. Anders Steensen, pastor. 3. Bethesda, Eugene, Oregon, 1900, Rev. Ingward Olsen, pastor. 4. Bethany, Portland, Oregon, 1901, Rev. C. S. Kloth, pastor. 5. Pella, Selma, California, 1902, Rev. A. Husted-Christensen, pastor. 6. Ansgar, San Francisco, California, 1903, Rev. Spener Petersen, pastor. 7. Eben-Ezer, Reedley, California, 1904, Rev. A. P. Andersen, pastor. 8. Our Saviors, Oakland, California, 1904, Rev. Clifford Paulsen, pastor. 9. Pella, Del Rey, California, 1908, Rev. A. P. Andersen, pastor. 10. Olivet, Los Angeles, California, 1909, Rev. Joseph M. Girtz, pastor. 11. Bethel, Fresno, California, 1914, Rev. Christian Justesen, pastor. 12. Emmaus, Eugene, Oregon, 1915, Rev. H. A. Syendsen, pastor. 13. Caruthers, California, 1923, Rev. Hans Carlson, pastor. 14. Elim, Petaluma, California, 1925, Rev. Milton Petersen, pastor. 15. Bethany, Pasadena, California, 1940, Rev. Franklin Rasmussen, pastor. 16. Faith, Castro Valley, California, 1944, Rev. Carl Wildrick, pastor. 17. St. Pauls, Lynwood, California, 1945, Rev. Allan Hansen, pastor. 18. Valley Lutheran, North Hollywood, California, 1947, Rev. Adolph Kloth, pastor. 19. Grace, Fresno, California, 1952, Rev. B. J. Engskow, pastor. 20. Trinity, Norwalk, California, 1952, Rev. William Hanson, pastor.

Each of the above churches has an interesting history. The Immanuel Church at Easton is the oldest. It has supplied many of the neighboring churches with members. Many of our members have come from congregations in the east. However, since there has been such an influx of people into the western states, we have tried to minister to as many of these people as we have been able to reach. New missions have been begun which you notice as you read the date of organization of our congregations. The Olivet congregation has done much by way of gifts and money to help establish new congregations in the southern part of California. But the west is a large area. People still are moving in. New opportunities open up for mission work, but we have no money with which to begin more new work at the present.

Our new congregations have done well. They have shown a fine growth. Most of our congregations have shown a growth during the past few years. Some of our rural churches have experienced losses due to the fact that many of the older members have sold their ranches and moved to other churches.

Besides the usual work in our congregations, we have a mission at Del Rey for the Nisei. This work is carried on by Rev. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bach. A school was

purchased some time ago. One of the rooms has been made into a dwelling for the Bachs. The other room (there were two large rooms) will be used for recreation classes and gatherings. Rev. A. P. Andersen ministers to the Nisei who are in his church.

An Old People's Home is located at Selma. At present there are twenty old people living there. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hansen manage the home.

There are plans for another old people's home to be built in Norwalk, the details of which I do not have at the present.

For many years the Pacific District was one of the smallest. Today it is our fastest growing district. Although we are far away from the center of activities there is a fine spirit of loyalty evidenced toward the work of our church at large. The Pacific District has supplied our synod with many pastors. At present some are attending Dana with the ministry in view.

There is much to be done in our Pacific District. Much that could be done if there were more financial means at our disposal. However, we pray that the work will continue to grow and that souls may be won for our Lord and Master and that His people may grow in peace and the knowledge of His truth.

SHALL WE CONTINUE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND LET THE HEATHEN WAIT?

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During my last days of travel every one was busy harvesting. Why the hurry? Why not do it when the weather is better? And why not take their time? Why not do it after they had completed all their other farm work? We all know why. Because it had to be done then, or not at all. It was either harvest, or stay without harvest.

We all know that the same is true of God's harvest. This generation will be lost unless we reach it, in every land. When Christ left he said, "go ye into all the world." Have we done so?

We have preached and taught the Word of God in our own little Synod now for many years. We have at least 160 pastors or more at work here, educating our youth, caring for them at universities and colleges, others caring for the sick and aged. And we do have a few on the foreign fields where thousands, yes, millions, have never heard. And where almost 1500 tribes still have not even the Bible in their own tongue.

Are our four, or five pastors, that we have in the heathen lands, a good percentage for our 160 we have at home? Is the need so much greater here at home than no more can be spared? Are they all called to stay at home?

Young man will you go? Or if you cannot go will you send a substitute?

—Helen Danielson

BY THE FIRESIDE

IT IS NOT DEATH TO DIE

It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And midst the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

It is not death to close
The eye long-dimmed with tears,
And wake in glorious repose,
To spend eternal years.

It is not death to fling
Beside this sinful dust,
And rise on strong, exulting wing,
To live among the just.

Jesus, Thou Prince of Life,
My chosen cannot die!
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife
To reign with Thee on high.

—George Washington Bethune
Presbyterian Record

HEROIC RESCUE

A student at the University of Wisconsin and his girl friend tipped over a canoe on Lake Mendota recently. The fellow grabbed his fair companion and swam with her to shore. Then he swam back to the canoe, righted it, and managed to get it ashore. Finally, he swam back to get the canoe paddle.

As he reached the paddle, he became exhausted. His feet sank as he paused for breath, and buckled under him as they struck bottom. The water came up only to our hero's chest.—*Milwaukee Journal*.

"HAVE FERVENT CHARITY AMONG YOURSELVES"

By Annie Virginia Young

"We were in our brother's place,
How well we'd manage his affairs!
Though unskilled in our own,
In his place, we'd accomplish much,
We think. But we are prone
To be as negligent as he—
Must fault differently.

Then who are we to rate him low,
And hold ourselves above him?
God's Word says we must love him
Above all things"—not judge him.
Love covers faults of others.

Angry Bride to Husband: "And
maybe you think I don't miss my
mother's cooking."

DeTwitter: "If it hadn't been for my
wife, I would have lost every cent I
had."

McTweet: "What did she do?"

DeTwitter: "She spent it before I
could."

BUILD THAT ALTAR!

The power of the social example of the Christian home has no equal in any other area of our social world. Its grip and influence are almost inescapable. The Christian tradition of the family altar is one of the bulwarks of our Christian homes today, as it has been through centuries. But the spirit which actuates it and the technique involved must have rebirth in each succeeding generation if its power is to be felt and its meaning is to survive. Historically it is true that ritual and ceremony have often been the last survivors of a decadent orthodoxy, but these alone will become empty, and even repulsive unless they carry the life of the Spirit.

In our own Zion today I have had a growing feeling that many of our people need to rebuild that family altar and hundreds of new homes need to establish one for the safety and peace of their own souls. Here are some practical suggestions for those who have the desire and will to perform:

1. **Set a time** when all the family can gather (or most of them) and stick to the schedule. Make no easy exceptions. Following the evening meal is a good time for many.

2. **Do not tarry too long.** Do not make devotions a grind. You can pray long when you are alone but not when the children are learning and listening. Gear the program to the youngest members of the family and not to your own special burdens.

3. **Provide a plan** or program. Read a book of the Bible through in sequence or read a devotional book with definite scriptural references assigned daily. Oswald Chambers' *My Utmost for His Highest* or Dean Munro's *Truth for Today* or the like are useful.

4. **Have several members of the family participate each day.** One could read the Bible lesson, another the devotional message, and another pray. All can unite in the Lord's Prayer or in repeating a familiar psalm at the close.

5. **Begin today.** Start while the family is young. If you have wasted years, ask God to forgive you and begin now. It probably takes more grace, patience, endurance, and intelligence to raise a fine, all-around Christian family than it does to make an atomic bomb or fly a jet plane, but it is worth the effort. The family altar will help you. Build it today!—*Herald of Holiness*.

THE VOICE IN THE BUS

Mr. Pennyfather was walking down Keswick Road when he hailed a bus. "I will take a little ride and go to the end of the journey," he said to himself; and so, mounting, he settled himself comfortably in his seat. He had not gone far when he became acutely conscious of a woman sitting opposite who seemed to be looking at him intently. He somehow felt drawn to her in a way he could not explain. Then he heard the voice of his Master speaking to him: "I want you to speak to that woman and tell her about my Son and my love." "O Lord, I cannot do that in a public bus," said Mr. Pennyfather. But still the voice of his Lord persisted. "Oh, I cannot speak; I will pray for her." And so he began to pray. Again the Lord spoke to Mr. Pennyfather: "Praying is not enough; I want you to speak to her." The woman then got up and pressed the button for the bus to stop. Mr. Pennyfather bent over and said to her quietly, "I have a message for you from God." "A message?" said the astounded woman. "Yes," said Mr. Pennyfather, "God loves you and He knows all about it." The woman looked at Mr. Pennyfather through her tears. "Knows all about it—were you at the hospital?" "No, but God has spoken to me and told me to speak to you."

"Sir," said the poor woman, "I have just left the body of my husband. He has just died and I have four little children. Can you imagine the comfort you have given me—that God loves me and knows all about it?" "Has not God promised," said Mr. Pennyfather, "to be a husband to the widow?"

The woman got off the bus with a different look on her face, and Mr. Pennyfather went back home, radiant with the joy of obedience!—*E. G. Clark, in Gospel Herald*.

A farmer, having lived on the same farm all his life, wanted a change. Having subjected everything there to his merciless criticism, he listed the farm with a realtor who prepared a flattering sales advertisement for the newspaper, but who first read it to the farmer before giving it to the paper. "Wait a minute," said the farmer, "read that again slowly. Changed my mind; not gonna sell. All my life I've been looking for a place like that."

A Page For Youth...

Homer Larsen, Editor

IMPRESSIONS OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

When we think of a convention, we usually picture a large crowd of people attending a series of uninteresting meetings. Was this our Luther League convention at Dana? No! This convention was more than just meetings. It had a meaning and a purpose.

Some three hundred young people from many different states had gathered at Dana. They came to hear and learn more about God's Word. It was their desire to come into closer contact with their God.

At the convention we were privileged to hear many wonderful and experienced speakers who spoke from the bottom of their hearts. Continually they emphasized God's love for us.

Upon returning home from Blair, I am sure each and everyone who attended the convention took home with him much to strengthen his faith.

As Christians I feel we should take advantage of such opportunities as conventions. We should go to them and learn more of God's will for us. Who know, perhaps someday one of us might be called upon to teach this same Word of God. We know this world needs God. We must not forget that we are the future Church.

Sincerely,

Miss Rose Leppin

Poy Sippi Luther League

Poy Sippi, Wisconsin

CIRCUIT RALLY

A Circuit Luther League Rally was held at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Minden, Nebraska, May 3rd with fifty-five persons representing leagues from Dannebrog, Ruskin and Minden. Due to bad weather, leagues from Ord and Hampton were unable to attend.

Pastor Hofgaard opened the program with a devotion after which Dr. Dagmar Petersen, medical missionary to India, was the guest speaker in the afternoon. She spoke of the great need of consecrated workers among the Santals. This meeting was followed with a fellowship hour.

The Reverend William Goldbeck was the guest speaker at the evening meeting. At this meeting, one of the leaguers, Marilyn Meyer, gave a reading. Another Circuit meeting is planned for this fall to be held at Ruskin.

Marilyn Meyer, Corr. Sec.

BASEBALL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MIX

When a major league baseball player teaches Sunday school in his home congregation during the off-season

months when he is at home that's news. And when the baseball player is the son of an ALC pastor, that's big news for the LUTHERAN YOUTH.

Jim Brideweser, son of Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Brideweser of Los Angeles, California, is in his second full season with the New York Yankees as understudy to the man who is said to be the greatest shortstop in baseball, little Phil Rizzuto.

Showing an early interest in baseball and basketball, Jim was on his high school varsity baseball team all three years and on the basketball team the last two years. In 1945 he was acclaimed the outstanding prep baseball player of Los Angeles.

Jim's baseball career was interrupted by 20 months in the service, one year of which was spent in Korea. Upon his return he entered the University of Southern California and there played three years of varsity ball, making the CIBA (California Intercollegiate Baseball Association) all three years. In 1948 his team won the national title. He was shortstop. In 1949 he was captain of the team and was elected shortstop on the first all-American college baseball team chosen.

He entered professional ball with the Yankee chain in 1950, when he was signed by Bill Essick, renowned California scout. His first year he played with Binghamton, N. Y., in the Eastern League. In 1951, he played with the San Francisco Seals. He was returned to the Yanks at the latter part of the 1951 season, but he got into only two games. What he showed in that brief spell more than earned him the right to remain with the Yanks during the 1952 season where he did his share in helping Stengel to win his fourth consecutive pennant and world series championship. Jim got into 40 games as Rizzuto's understudy and hit a satisfactory 263.

This year Jim is playing with the Yanks again. George Selkirk, former Yankee star outfielder who managed young Jim in his first year in organized baseball at Binghamton, warned Case Stengel and his planning board not to be disturbed by Jim's seeming nonchalance and rated him as a real hustler and as a boy with great promise. As one New York sports writer said of him, "He is not a 'holler' guy but is content to stay in the background, using his influence quietly and unostentatiously."

Jim has always attended Sunday School and church regularly and was an active Luther Leaguer. In the fall and winter months when he can be home he teaches a class of young boys at Messiah Sunday School. He organized his boys into a basketball team and has tried by his teaching and living to influence the boys for the Church and the Savior.—Taken in part from Lutheran Youth.

Magazine Calls Eisenhower Most Religious Since Lincoln

Dwight D. Eisenhower has emerged, surprisingly to many Americans, as the most religious U.S. president since Washington and Lincoln," says the May issue of **Christian Herald**, Protestant interdenominational monthly.

The article, entitled, "Man of Faith", is based on an exclusive interview with the magazine's executive editor, Clarence W. Hall. It asserts that prior to the inauguration few Americans were aware of this quality in Eisenhower.

"None of his biographers had devoted more than passing reference to his spirituality," says Hall, "and he himself had not been a man to parade it. Even his intimates regarded him as religiously reticent."

Hall tells how, during the interview, which occurred before the election, Eisenhower opened his Bible and underscored the first words of Genesis, "In the beginning, God." This was interpreted as Ike's way of conveying, not only his determination to put personal and national religion first during his administration, but also of italicizing his conviction that "free govern-

ment," is basically the expression of a deeply held religious faith.

Asked why, prior to his emergence as a political figure, he had given small sign of his religiosity, Eisenhower is quoted as replying, "I always figured that a man's religion was a private matter between him and his God." It was when he had to lay before the people his faith in the American way of life that he found "you simply cannot explain our nation, in either its past or its future, in any other terms than religious."

Long before his inauguration, the article reveals, Eisenhower had determined to "make his life set an example of allegiance to and support of the institutions of religion." He had even chosen the particular church he would join, Washington's National Presbyterian. Yet, because he abhorred giving the impression that he was using religion to garner votes, Eisenhower had requested that this fact not be revealed until after he had publicly taken the step.

In support of the assertion that the President is counting strongly on religious forces to support his "Crusade for Peace," the article quotes Eisen-

hower as saying: "Latest church membership statistics list more than 90 million Protestants, Catholics, and Jews in the United States—and I believe there are many more men and women of deep religious faith who are unrelated to any official church body. Imagine what a revolution would come to politics, local and national, if that great body of idealistic people were really to get into a crusade for decency and honesty in government and for promoting peace in the world!"

Says the **Christian Herald** editor: "It is impossible to talk with Dwight Eisenhower five minutes before becoming completely convinced that he sees the whole world conflict in fundamentally religious terms, and that his hope for a free world victory lies almost completely in arousing and reactivating throughout America the same keen faith that built this nation."

He quotes the President as saying: "Our forefathers proved that only a people strong in godliness is a people strong enough to overcome tyranny and make themselves and others free. Today it is ours to prove that our own faith, perpetually renewed, is equal to the challenge of the tyrants."

SOME SNAPSHOTS FROM JAPAN

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meetings both for children and adults in the course of the afternoon. In the evening he had a meeting in Tanushimaru. During the week he had a prayer meeting in Tanushimaru Wednesday evening, one night he was in the neighboring town of Yoshii, about 6000 inhabitants like Tanushimaru, another night in Zensoku about 5 miles east of Yoshii and a town of the same size, in these places he had meetings for children and adults and classes for the instruction of those who desired to be baptized. This is also the case in a village to the west of Tanushimaru, Eri, where quite a little group have been gathered, and is still growing.

In all there are now 39 baptized in Tanushimaru and vicinity, and a congregation has been organized.

Chihara should have come back here last fall for his second year of study. It is our policy to give all who want it a year, that is 9 months of Bible Study. Then they have to go out and prove that they are able to do real evangelistic work, and if successful it has been the idea to re-call them for a second year of study. It might be followed by a third year after another interval of evangelistic activity, leading on to the standing of a regular pastor.

We have 9 who finished the first year and have been put out in evangelistic work, and as such were entitled to come back last fall. But there was not one of them that could leave the work they had started, unless a substitute could be found for them, and we had none, for all those who finished our second First-Year course had their work decided long before they were through if not already by the time they entered. But we had the joy of seeing that our young graduates had made themselves indispensable.

That was especially the case with Chihara. Pastor Neve has given him very much the same independence and responsibility that a regular ordained pastor has. He stated the other day that he was not willing to exchange him for any pastor that he knew. To all his other good qualities he has that of genuine humility. He had come to him one day and told him that he would have to quit as he was unable to carry on the work in the way it ought to be done. Pastor Neve had laughed at him and told him that was the proof that was needed to indicate that he was the right man. If a worker did not get to that point off and on that he was utterly unfit, there was not much hope for him. And Chihara went back to take up the work that he was unfit to do because his sufficiency came from his Lord.

CANADIAN NEWS AND VIEWS

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mussen sang the anthem, and Mrs. L. A. Kirkegaard sang a solo.

After the service, lunch was served twice over, downstairs. Acknowledgments were made to the many who had given so liberally of their time and money to make the transformation possible.

As often happens, it was discovered after the work had begun, that this was really a big project. Many were the problems that came up, long were the discussions, and generous was the response, as appeals were made for workers to take part. For many days, the volunteer

workers could be found in every part of the building. How many there were was usually not realized, until the ladies called them for afternoon coffee in the church basement. It was quite a group that showed up.

On the evening of April 26th we had our first evening service. A group of young people from the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute made it a good evening of song, prayer and Christian fellowship. The Bible Institute dean, Pastor A. Vinge delivered the message.

In signing his name to the new guest book Pastor Vinge wrote; "A beautiful place of worship." We are thankful that this is so. We have been blessed abundantly in this work.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Chil- dren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pen- sion Fund
Hazelwood, Minn., Immanuel Luth. Church	120.50	25.00	50.00	25.00	20.50			
Harlan, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Church	510.00	10.00	250.00		125.00			125.00
Elk Horn, Ia., Mrs. Martha Peitersen and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peitersen in memory of Marie Kaarup, Audubon, Ia.	2.00					2.00		
Northfield, Minn., Ladies Aid of St. Peter's Church in memory of Theo- dore Larsen	3.00				3.00			
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church	20.00				20.00			
Oakland, Calif., Holger and Esther Saabye in memory of Otto Christensen	10.00	10.00						
Boelus, Nebr., Dry Creek Luth. Church	170.70	10.70	100.00	20.00	20.00			20.00
Cordova, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Church	25.00				15.00	10.00		
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church	67.31		40.00					27.31
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Engl. Luth. Sunday School offering for Elmh. Home, Elk Horn	14.50	14.50						
Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Anna Henningsen \$12 in memory of husband, Henning P. Henningsen, Grenora, N. D., \$3 in memory of Pastor L. H. Kjoller, Blair, Nebr., \$3 in memory of Pastor Theo. Henningsen, Hartwick, N. Y.	18.00							18.00
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church	149.75	10.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	15.00	5.00	19.75
Chicago, Ill., W.M.S. of Atonement Luth. Church	100.00		25.00	25.00	25.00			25.00
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Ladies Aid	7.50							7.50
Chicago, Ill., in memory of Norman Donet of Atonement Luth. Church from friends	12.50				5.00			7.50
Chicago, Ill., in memory of George Johnson of Atonement Luth. Church from friends	12.50				5.00			7.50
Portland, Ore., Mrs. Hans Hansen in memory of Louis Spirup	5.00							5.00
Portland, Ore., Mrs. Hans Hansen	45.00	20.00				10.00	5.00	10.00
West Branch, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geertz in memory of Mrs. Eliza- beth Wineke	1.00				1.00			
North Luck, Wis., St. Peter's Ladies Aid	2.50				2.50			
Neenah, Wis., the Senior Ladies Aid of Our Savior's Luth. Church in memory of Mads Hansen	5.00				5.00			
TOTAL	1301.76	100.20	515.00	95.00	272.00	37.00	10.00	272.56

SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	L.W.A. and S.S. Centers	Gen Fd. Foreign Missions
Previously acknowledged	10667.25							10667.25	
Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Junker \$2.50, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown \$3, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Junker \$9.50 in mem- ory of Mrs. Hansine Nielsen of Atonement Church	15.00				15.00				
Fremont Bluffs, Nebr., Trinity Luth. Church	43.31			43.31					
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Mrs. Hilda Larson	10.00							10.00	
Fresno, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Verner Klinkby in memory of P. Smith	2.00			2.00					
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Sunday School	9.85							9.85	
Sidney, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society	20.15	20.15							
Oshkosh, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christiansen	10.00			10.00					
Minden, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church and Fredericksburg Luth. Church	60.65			60.65					
Brush, Colo., Mrs. Edna Daniels	10.00			10.00					
Denmark, Wis., Marie Dorsey	3.00							3.00	
Chicago, Ill., in memory of Mrs. Carl Nielsen of Atonement Church from friends	100.00	30.00	10.00	15.00	45.00				
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Ladies' Aid for a theological student in Japan	25.00	25.00							
Portland, Ore., Mrs. Hans Hansen	55.00		10.00						
Audubon, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Niels H. Schmidt	30.00	10.00		10.00	10.00		20.00	25.00	
Eugene, Ore., Bethesda Fv. Lutheran Church	536.35							536.35	
Ord, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Sunday School	5.00			5.00					
Ord, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	20.00			20.00					
Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Ladies' Aid	25.00							25.00	
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday School in memory of Betty Jean Weill	5.00	5.00							
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ladies' Aid	15.00	15.00							
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ladies for Helen Danielson's salary	50.00		50.00						
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ladies' Aid for a Bible Woman's salary in the Sudan field	15.00				15.00				
Brooklyn, N. Y., Salem Women's Society	20.00		20.00						
Waupaca, Wis., W. M. S. of the Wisconsin District for Helen M. Jacobsen's salary	70.00				70.00				
Waupaca, Wis., W. M. S. of the Wisconsin District	50.00			50.00					
Albert Lea, Minn., the Kermit Jensen Bible Class	10.00		10.00						
TOTAL	11882.56	105.15	100.00	225.96	155.00	20.00	25.00	11261.45	

CHURCH AND SCHOOL DRIVE

	Total Received	Dana Building Fund	Church Exten- sion Fd.
Previously acknowledged	200664.07	120633.27	80030.80
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ladies' Aid	15.00	7.50	7.50
Total	200679.07	120640.77	80038.30

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebr., May 15, 1953.

H. J. Hansen, Treas.

Lutherans Condemn Communist Persecution of Jews

New York—A statement condemning communist persecution of Jews in eastern Europe was issued here by the National Lutheran Council, a cooperative agency representing eight churches with a membership of more than 10,000 Lutherans in America.

"We pray that this new brutality which the Communist oppressors are inflicting on Jews and all others may have an end," the Council said. "As Jews,

the 57th Annual Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Atlantic, Iowa, June 16-21 beginning with opening services Tuesday, June 16 at 8:00 P. M. Our Convention theme is: "The Power of the Gospel". Congregations are urged to send delegates, one delegate for each fifty members twenty-one years and over, in fraction thereof. Delegates will receive have credential blanks filled and bring them to the Convention, and then to the Credential Committee. **ALL MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE CONVENTION ACTION SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL BY JUNE 5th.** Below for further information in the host congregation. May the benediction of God rest upon our Convention. Pray for our Convention.

Hans C. Jersild, President
Lawrence Siersbeck, Secretary

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Atlantic, Iowa extends a hearty welcome to all convention guests. All registrations are to be sent to Mrs. Don Nelson, East 9th Street, Atlantic, Iowa. Lodging will be provided for those who make their request before June 1st. In making your request for lodging, please be specific as to how many you are requesting lodging for, giving their names and other information that may be helpful to the Registrar. Hotel reservation may also be made through Mrs. Don Nelson. This will be at your own expense. In order to avoid confusion, please do not make reservations direct with the hotel but request a reservation through the Registrar. We would urge you to make your request for hotel reservations as early. Meals will be served at convention headquarters in the High School. We are anticipating one of the largest attended conventions in the history of our Church. May we look for an early announcement of your intention to come.

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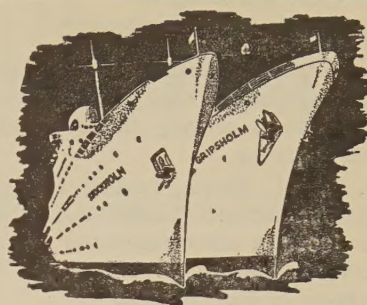
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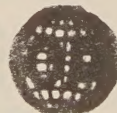
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Urges Churches Keep in Closer Touch with Servicemen

New York—A Lutheran leader urged here that churches keep in closer touch with members serving in the Armed Forces overseas.

Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, made the plea after returning from a three-week tour of U. S. military installations in the Far East.

Dr. Empie said that, according to chaplains, "not more than ten per cent of the men coming for consultation say they hear from their home churches."

He also warned churches to "keep an eye on the matter of government appropriations for essential spiritual and recreational equipment at military bases" lest such installations be "cut in the present economy drive" in Congress.

Dr. Empie was one of a group of 13 clergymen who studied spiritual problems of servicemen at the Korean front, Okinawa, Japan, the Philippines and Hawaii. The tour was sponsored by the Air Force.

He said the group, which comprised nine Protestants, three Roman Catholics and a rabbi, agreed that moral and spiritual problems exist but "the Armed Forces are ready to do their part if the churches really want to cooperate."

The group was repeatedly told, by officers, he said that "the Armed Services do not constitute a reform school." Dr. Empie quoted officers as saying that the Armed Forces are not "equipped to do something for American youth that should have been done at home," and that "home communities, including the churches, are letting us down."

"Too many of the men they are sending us are not socially and spiritually mature enough to take care of themselves out here," one officer said.

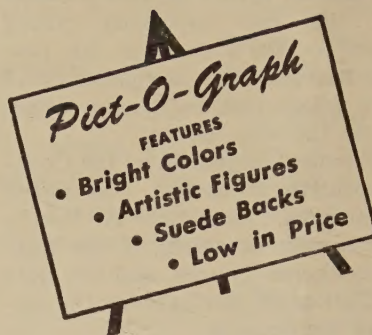
Conceding there is "much truth" in the officer's statement, the Lutheran leader said that only half of the men in the Armed Forces come from homes that are "even nominally Christian," and that "many scarcely know and rarely practice the rudiments of religious faith."

Nevertheless, he said, "we saw many inspiring signs of spiritual strength," which proved that the majority of men coming to the Armed Forces from gen-

uinely Christian homes "have been an honor to their churches and communities."

Under the guidance of chaplains, Christian servicemen have sponsored relief projects, built orphanages and

supported mission activities, Dr. Empie said. He cited one chapel in Korea where offerings by servicemen and women provided over \$10,000 in a single month for Korean orphans and refugees.



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